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information about PCE's sabotage action, planning and activity is generally negative with the exception of a slight amount of evidence that in 1956 PCE was planning to exploit the technical knowledge of two young Communist students of chemical engineering by having them prepare explosives. This was to be done if and when the PCE was outlawed.

PCE members having technical training and experience would undoubtedly be called upon to commit sabotage in the event of outbreak of an international conflict. Otherwise, in view of PCE's organizational weakness, the chances that PCE may instigate sabotage and terrorism in the near future seem remote.